

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon in Room N-4437 C&D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, is for Working Group members to continue gathering statistical information and/or to take additional testimony on the import of these "pension preservation" issues.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before June 2, 1998, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by June 2, 1998, at the address indicated in this notice.

Organizations or individuals also may submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before June 2.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 14th day of May, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Working Group Studying Small Businesses: How To Enhance and Encourage the Establishment of Pension Plans; Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held Monday, June 8, 1998, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group formed to study the obstacles to

why small businesses are not establishing retirement vehicles for their employees when so many different savings arrangements are available. The Working Group also will focus on how to encourage these businesses to establish such pension plans.

The session will take place in Room N-4437 C&D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m., is for Working Group members to continue taking testimony on the topic.

Members of the public are encouraged to file written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before June 2, 1998, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by June 2, at the address indicated in this notice.

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The One-Hundred and Second Full Open Meeting of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans; Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29

U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9, 1998, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans.

The session will take place in Room N-4437 C&D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m., is for the Advisory Council's full membership to be updated on its new working groups' progress on their topics of study as well as on regulatory and enforcement projects being undertaken by the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration (PWBA).

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the Council's three topics for study by submitting 20 copies on or before June 2, 1998, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. The topics being studied include:

(a) Disclosure of the Quality of Health Care Plans:

(b) Small Business: How to Enhance and Encourage the Establishment of Pension Plans, and

(c) Pre-retirement Distributions from Employer-Sponsored ERISA Plans.

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